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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER - STATUS OF FON SEC GOMEZ BERGES

REF: SD 0042

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER REPORTED REFTEL, I INQUIRED ABOUT THE SUSPENSION AND PRESENT STATUS OF FON SEC GOMEZ BERGES. BALAGUER AT FIRST SAID THAT ALTHOUGH GOMEZ HAD NOT REQUESTED LEAVE, HE (BALAGUER) KNEW THAT GOMEZ' MOTHER WAS ILL AND THOUGHT THAT GOMEZ SHOULD HAVE SOME VACATION TO TEND TO HIS MOTHER. WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT TO HIM THAT I WAS SKEPTICAL, HE CONTINUED THAT GOMEZ "HAD EXCEEDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS AT QUITO BY HAVING FAILED TO CONSULT WITH HIS PRESIDENT PRIOR TO JOINING THE OTHER ELEVEN NATIONS IN A PUBLIC POSTURE REGARDING CUFR". BALAGUER CONTINUED THAT GOMEZ APPEARED TO HAVE LOST HIS BALANCE AT QUITO BECAUSE OF HIS KEEN INTEREST IN OBTAINING THE OAS SEC GEN POSITION. BALAGUER CONSIDERED GOMEZ RATHER YOUNG AND SOMETIMES OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC, THUS MERITING A LESSON IN DISCIPLINE.
2. AS FOR THE FUTURE, HE HAD REINSTATED GOMEZ AT LEAST UNTIL THE OAS SEC GEN ELECTIONS. AFTER THAT, HE WOULD REVIEW THE SITUATION.
3. REGARDING GOMEZ' OAS SEC GEN CANDIDACY, BALAGUER MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS HAD NOT RESULTED FROM HIS INITIATIVE, BUT
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FROM RABASA AND FACIO. HE CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE AN

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HONOR FOR THE DOM REP WERE GOMEZ TO BE ELECTED (HE EXPRESSED
SOME DOUBT ABOUT GOMEZ' PROSPECTS), BUT ASSERTED THAT
NO DOMINICAN INTEREST WAS AT STAKE.
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